

Captain Wells House
Kane County
Geneva, Illinois

HABS- Ill. #138

HABS
ILL,
45-GEVA,
1-

Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District No. Ill.1.

Historic American Buildings Survey
Earl H. Reed, District Officer
435 North Michigan Ave., Chicago

CAPTAIN WELLS HOUSE
Kane County
Geneva, Illinois

Owner: Dr. Raymond G. Scott

Date of Erection: Between 1850 and 1857.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Captain Charles B. Wells.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Stucco and frame

Other Existing Records: Photographs.

Additional Data: (See following sheet).

CAPTAIN WELLS HOUSE
KANE COUNTY
GENEVA, ILLINOISDISTRICT NO. ILL.1.
NORTHERN ILLINOISEARL H. REED
DISTRICT OFFICER

Project No. ILL.138

R.J. Wall

SOURCESDr. Raymond
G. Scott.

The Commissioners of Kane County, Allen P. Hubbard, William B. West and Noah B. Spalding acquired the property on which this house was built from the United States Government, June 1, 1845. Captain Charles B. Wells obtained title to the land from them by a quit claim deed, April 13, 1850. He built this house sometime before it was sold to William Briggs, owner of the Briggs House in Chicago, for a consideration of \$4250, on February 7, 1857. The property passed into the hands of his widow, Margaret E. Gulliver by a warranty deed, March 30, 1857. On April 8, 1887 Dr. Francis H. Blackman purchased the property from her heirs, Catherine G. Gibbs, her husband, Aaron Gibbs, Mary E. Gwynne and her husband, John A. Gwynne.

Dr. Blackman stated that Dr. H.W. Crawford, Captain Well's physician, gave Captain Wells the dimensions for the construction of the building and it is stated by Captain Wells' daughter that he took the design and dimensions for the Doric columns from the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Many alterations and additions make it impossible to determine the original extent of the structure. The portico and the central structure are, however, definitely a part of the original building.

The present owner is Dr. Raymond G. Scott, who purchased the building and property from Dr. Blackman, December 28, 1901.

By

Richard Wall

Approved

Earl H. Reed